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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7080
BILL NUMBER: HB 1110

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 21, 2003
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Uniform Roadside Memorials.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Cheney
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Transportation (INDOT) to erect uniform roadside memorials. It provides for the assessment of a memorials fee for certain alcohol-related offenses and establishes the Uniform Roadside Memorials Fund for deposit of the assessments. The bill requires a local governmental unit that erects memorials to conform to the standards of INDOT.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The proposal provides for the INDOT to erect uniform roadside memorials within the right of way alongside the state highway system. The proposal also provides a \$1 Uniform Roadside Memorial Fee and creates a Uniform Roadside Memorials Fund into which the \$1 fee would be deposited. The \$1 fee would be for violations of IC 9-30-5 (Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated). The INDOT is responsible for administering the Fund, and expenses of administering the Fund shall be paid from the Fund. Money in the Fund does not revert to the state General Fund at the end of the state fiscal year, and the money is continuously appropriated for the purposes of this proposal.

The INDOT estimates \$500 as start-up costs, along with the purchase of signs at \$70 each. Expenditures for signs will depend upon the number purchased. If 500 are purchased, expenditures will amount to \$35,000, for a total cost of \$35,500, including start-up. The INDOT is responsible for the removal of roadside signs not erected by the INDOT. The fund affected is the State Highway Fund until the newly created fund has sufficient resources with which to pay for the cost of administering the Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues: The Uniform Roadside Memorial Fee is \$1 for each violation of IC 9-30-5. During the 12-month period ending September 30, 2002, there were 19,355 guilty citations for violation of this statute. By comparison, for the same 12-month period ending September 30, 2001, there were 41,437

guilty citations. Revenue for the newly created fund likely would fall within this range.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Expenditures for local units will increase if they elect to participate in the program, and expenditures will depend upon the number of signs purchased by local units.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected: Those units which erect roadside memorials.

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